

WASHINGTON – Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) released the following statement after the Department of Labor released the March jobs report indicating that the economy added 216,000 jobs last month and the national unemployment rate dropped to 8.8%, the lowest level in two years. Earlier this week, the Georgia Department of Labor announced that the state unemployment rate in February edged down to 10.2% from a revised 10.3% in January.

"The March jobs report is another indication that our economy is moving in the right direction. The addition of 230,000 private sector jobs – the 13th consecutive month of private sector job growth – and a drop in the national unemployment rate for the fourth straight month is a direct result of the steps Democrats took to reduce taxes on small businesses and increase incentives for business investment.

"While it's clear our economy has made some progress, the unemployment rate nationally, and in Georgia, is still too high. We have a long way to go before our economy fully recovers, and Democrats and Republicans must come together and find ways to reduce spending without sacrificing critical investments in education, infrastructure, and agriculture research that we know create jobs and grow our economy."

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